

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-15 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 3 and 5-9 are amended, claim 4 is canceled, and new claims 14 and 15 are added.

I. Claim 9 Satisfies the Requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 9 is rejected for insufficient antecedent basis. Accordingly, claim 9 is amended and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 is respectfully requested.

II. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4 and 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,372,608 to Shimoda et al.; and claims 5-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Shimoda. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The applied art does not teach, disclose or suggest a device in which some or all of plural elements formed on a first substrate are transferred to a second substrate and some or all of the transferred elements are used to manufacture the device by selectively radiating light onto a separation layer to execute at least one of internal exfoliation and interfacial exfoliation of a separation layer, as claimed in claim 1, and similarly claimed in claim 15.

Instead, Shimoda discloses, as shown in Figure 5, the rear side of the substrate 1 (the side 12 of the incident light) is irradiated with the incident light 7, that passes through the substrate 1 and enters the separation layer 2 through the interface 2A. As shown in Figure 6 or Figure 7, internal and/or interfacial exfoliation occurs in the separation layer and the adhering force is reduced or eliminated. When separating the substrate 1 from the transfer member 6, the transferred layer 4 is detached from the substrate 1 and transferred to the transfer member 6.

Accordingly, the features of the claimed invention are not disclosed in the applied art. That is, none of the applied art discloses selectively transferring elements by irradiating light onto the separation layer. Please see page 22, line 8 to page 25, line 11 of the specification.

Support for new dependent claim 14 can be found at least on page 19, lines 16-18 and Figure 3. Additionally, support for new claim 15 can at least be found from original claims 1 and 3.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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